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paragraphs (a), (c), and (d) of the basic clause:

(a) See 552.238-78, Scope of Contract (Eligible Ordering Activities), for who may order under this contract.

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(c) If the Contractor agrees, GSA's Federal Supply Service (FSS) will place orders for eligible ordering activities, as defined in paragraph (a) of the clause at 552.238–78, by EDI using computer-to-computer EDI. If computer-to-computer EDI is not possible, FSS will use an alternative EDI method allowing the Contractor to receive orders by facsimile transmission. Subject to the Contractor's agreement, other eligible ordering activities, as defined in paragraphs (a) and (d) of the clause at 552.238–78, may also place orders by EDI.

(d) When computer-to-computer EDI procedures will be used to place orders, the Contractor shall enter into one or more Trading Partner Agreements (TPA) with each ordering activity placing orders electronically in order to ensure mutual understanding by the parties of certain electronic transaction conventions and to recognize the rights and responsibilities of the parties as they apply to this method of placing orders. The TPA must identify, among other things, the third party provider(s) through which electronic orders are placed, the transaction sets used, security procedures, and guidelines for implementation. Ordering activities may obtain a sample format to customize as needed from the office specified in paragraph (g) of this

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## 552.216-73 Ordering Information.

As prescribed in 516.506(c), insert the following provision:

# ORDERING INFORMATION (SEP 1999)

- (a) In accordance with the Placement of Orders clause of this solicitation, the offeror elects to receive orders placed by GSA's Federal Supply Service (FSS) by either □ facsimile transmission or □ computer-to-computer Electronic Data Interchange (EDI).
- (b) An offeror electing to receive computer-to-computer EDI is requested to indicate below the name, address, and telephone number of the representative to be contacted regarding establishment of an EDI interface.

(c) An offeror electing to receive orders by facsimile transmission is requested to indicate below the telephone number(s) for facsimile transmission equipment where orders should be forwarded.

(d) For mailed orders, the offeror is requested to include the postal mailing address(es) where paper form orders should be mailed.

#### (End of provision)

Alternate I (SEP 1999). As prescribed in 516.506(b), delete paragraph (d) of the basic provision.

Alternate II (SEP 1999). As prescribed in 516.506(b), add paragraph (e) to the basic provision.

(e) Offerors marketing through dealers are requested to indicate below whether those dealers will be participating in the proposed contract.

Yes ( ) No ( )

If "yes" is checked, ordering information to be inserted above shall reflect that in addition to offeror's name, address, and facsimile transmission telephone number, orders can be addressed to the offeror's name, c/o nearest local dealer. In this event, two copies of a list of participating dealers shall accompany this offer, and shall also be included in Contractor's Federal Supply Schedule pricelist.

## 552.217-70 Evaluation of Options.

As prescribed in 517.208(a), insert the following provision:

### EVALUATION OF OPTIONS (AUG 1990)

- (a) The Government will evaluate offers for award purposes by determining the lowest base period price. When option year pricing is based on a formula (e.g., changes in the Producer Price Index or other common standard); option year pricing is automatically considered when evaluating the base year price, as any change in price will be uniformly related to changes in market conditions. All options are therefore considered to be evaluated. Evaluation of options will not obligate the Government to exercise the option(s).
- (b) The Government will reject the offer if exceptions are taken to the price provisions of the Economic Price Adjustment clause, unless the exception results in a lower maximum option year price. Such offers will be evaluated without regard to the lower option